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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

VANDER HORN, Peter B.

Application No.: 10/627,592

Filed: July 25, 2003

For: METHODS OF MAKING HYBRID PROTEINS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2975

Examiner: Sheridan Swope

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1652

RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 7, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a method of creating a hybrid protein. Enclosed herewith is a petition with fee authorization to extend the time for response for one month.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the three groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I, II, and III would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. For example, a search of the methods of Group I would most likely identify libraries of the Group II claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

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Amdt. dated March 7, 2005
Reply to Office Action of January 7, 2003

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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